

Weston Library Page

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Used Book Sale Here At Last

We all look forward to the Weston Library Used Book Sale, held in the Club Room downstairs in the Memorial Hall, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM during the annual Potato Show. This year will be a another great offering of books on cd, cookbooks, retired fiction novels, duplicate nonfiction novels, and donated books of all descriptions. We always have plenty of children's books, in case you're restocking your home library, and we always have more craft books than you can shake a stick at, even when that stick is wrapped in macrame cord.

What's Happening?

October Calendar:

10/13 Closed in observance of Native Peoples Day

10/16 Novel Readers 2:30 pm The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon (Library)

**10/25 Library Book Sale at the Potato Show
9am-4pm, \$1 bag sale 3pm-4pm
also**

Quiet Neighbors: Weston Cemetery Tour at 2pm

Wednesdays at 3:30 pm Crafternoons

Fridays at 10:30 am Preschool Storytime

New Books at the Library

The Most by Jessica Anthony

Cold Snap by Marc Cameron

Mansion Beach by Meg Mitchell Moore

18 Tiny Deaths: the Untold Story of the Woman

Who Invented Modern Forensics by Judy Melinek

The Lost Baker of Vienna by Sharon Kurtzman

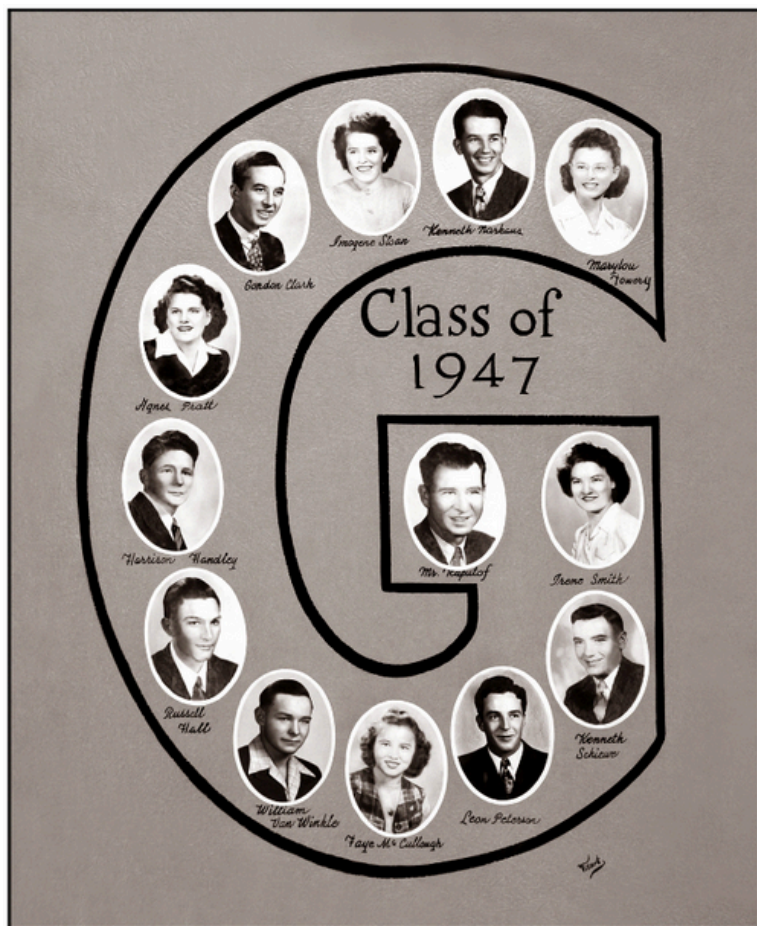
Camino Ghosts by John Grisham

Christmas With the Queen by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb

Return to Sender by Craig Johnson

Sky Ranch: Reared in the High Country by Linda M. Lockwood

Channel Surfing in the Sea of Happiness by Guy Babineau



Weston High School Graduating
Class of 1947
Hold That Tiger



Was the Writer Popular, or Did He Just Work For the Paper?

We grew that writer, kind of. Nard Jones lived in Weston during his formative high school years, and made it into the Weston Leader several times. Disappointingly, his class was too early to be in the Weston High School graduation photographs, as they start in 1926 and he graduated in 1922. He is in the paper in 1919, as Maynard Jones, noted in Brevities for being a clever cartoonist. There he is again October 15, 1920*, speaking at the Fathers' and Sons' Day at the Memorial Hall (150 men and boys eating sandwiches and doing floor sports suggested by Cash Wood from the Young Men's Christian Association). There he is again in the November 12, 1920 issue, doing a Weston High School comedy skit on November 11th in observance of Armistice Day at the Memorial Hall. December 3rd of the same year has a glowing note about his fourth story taken by Lone Scout** Magazine (this story was about two scouts who run a newspaper for a few weeks while the editor is ill). November 11**** the following year, he's back letting Grant Key join the High School Dramatic Society. He graduated in 1922, in a class of nine*****, which is pretty sturdy for Weston. In November of 1926, there he is yet again, in a quote from the Whitman College newspaper, wishing they had another one like him to make a success of the Sophomore class play. He and his sister each got a diamond ring for Christmas in 1927, set with stones owned by their late grandmother. He was living in Seattle, and working for Pacific Motorboat Magazine by then. He played Santa Claus at the Methodist Church Christmas tree that year too.

And then he is in the February 21, 1930 issue. Well, his book is. Well, reviews of his book are. And they're reviews from Seattle Times and Oregon Journal, about his book *Oregon Detour*. You know the one. The one where he "lays bare the hearts of four simple people." It seemed to Weston that he laid bare the secrets of far more than four complicated humans, and without any noticeable sympathetic understanding, as mentioned by the Times and Journal. It was the first problem novel of the New Realism School of literature set in the Pacific Northwest, and man is it ever realistic. People were still mad at him 60 years later, and ready to fight about upon whom the characters were based. It seems mean-spirited to me, even if the characters weren't based on real people. The author doesn't feel kindly toward rural people, and it shows. In spite of the many ways in which he took part in the life of a tiny town, he felt contempt toward his fellow citizens.

*The newspaper gave a whole column to the Weston Library on the front page of that issue to list new books.

**Lone Scouts were a scout experience for boys in rural areas who could have a scout experience without leaders or other boys. They included such luminaries as Burl Ives, Fred McMurray, and Hubert Humphrey. The Boy Scouts of America "absorbed" them which I suspect means sued them out of existence for daring to use the term "scouts".

****On the same page of this issue, an advertisement for "Wet Gold" a film produced by the Submarine Film Corporation, and the two-reel comedy "At It Again" showing in the Memorial Hall.

*****Leonard Bulfinch, Helen Johnson, Virgie Key, Miller Rayborn, Walter Rayborn, Anson Payne, Arden Lucas, and Mina Price were also graduated that year. Their class colors were yellow and black.